



**IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** Helen Braven & Russell Keay

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED 03/21/2008**

**CASE:** ATLAS 8095 US

**SERIAL NO.:** 10/506,958

**FILED ON:** 05/02/2005

**FOR:** Nucleic Acid Probes, Their  
Synthesis and Use

Mail Stop Sequence  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**EXAMINER: POHNERT, Steven C.**

**ART UNIT: 1634**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2008. Applicant hereby request the Commissioner a (1) one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action thereby allowing Applicants until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008, to respond.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194 in the sum of \$120, being the fee for a (1) one-month extension of time to respond to the instant Office Action.

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If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MK' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Matthew R. Kaser

(Reg. No. 44,817)

One of Agents for Applicant